IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PHILIP M. STARR ET AL.

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"DISPOSABLE DOWNHOLE

TOOL WITH SEGMENTED

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COMPRESSION ELEMENT

(063718.0158)

AND METHOD"

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED NOVEMBER 13, 2006

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants provide the following in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on November 13, 2006 (the "Office Action").

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due February 13, 2007, this Response is timely filed.